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Attn: R. J. Schassburger

NOTICE OF FLOODPLAIN AND WETLAND INVOLVEMENT FOR SURFACE WATER INTERIM MEASURES IN THE SOUTH WALNUT CREEK BASIN, OPERABLE UNIT NO. 2 - JMK-0032-91

The above-referenced project requires compliance actions under 10 CFR 1022, Compliance with Floodplain/Wetlands Environmental Review Requirements, because of potential impacts on wetlands and floodplains. One of these actions is the publication of a Public Notice (§1022.14) in the Federal Register, followed by a 15-day waiting period for public comment. Pursuant to §1022.14, a draft notice has been enclosed.

A second action is preparation of a floodplain/wetland assessment (§1022.12). However, §1022.12(b) states:

For proposed floodplain or wetlands actions for which an EA or EIS is required, the floodplain/wetlands assessment shall be prepared concurrent with and included in the appropriate document.

An assessment titled Final Surface Water Interim Measures/Interim Remedial Action Plan/Environmental Assessment and Decision Document for South Walnut Creek Basin (Operable Unit No. 2) (IRAP/EA), dated March 8, 1990, was prepared. A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), signed by DOE Assistant Secretary Ziemer for Environment, Safety and Health, was issued on March 7, 1990. We understand these documents provide the documentation needed to comply with the requirements of §1022.12.

We understand construction in the wetland cannot begin until the notice is published and a 15 day-comment period has elapsed, and DOE receives a nationwide permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. My staff will deliver the information needed to obtain the Corps' permit under separate cover.

It should be noted that the project is driven by an IAG milestone that requires the project to be operational by May 13, 1991. EG&G plans to begin construction on schedule, leaving work in the wetland/floodplain until last. If publishing the notice is expedited, this plan should support full compliance with 10 CFR 1022 and meet our IAG schedule.

Advance copies of this information were transmitted informally to Mr. Scott Grace on April 18, 1991. Please work directly with my staff to finalize the notice and arrange for publication in the

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Federal Register. Ms. Kathy London, 273-6189, or Mr. Scott McGlochlin, 273-6190, will serve as the EG&G contacts for this effort.

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